

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT FORM FOR PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

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### **IRC-40, R202**

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### **Proposed Code Change - Language**

#### **Section R202 Definitions**

**DECK.** An exterior floor supported on at least two opposing sides by an adjacent structure, and/or posts, piers or other independent supports.

### **Proposed Code Change – Need and Reason**

There is a need for a definition of the term “deck” because of its frequent use in the IRC and in ICC Evaluation Service Reports that are not as easily understood with undefined terms. The definition for “deck” was deleted from the IRC in the last code cycle because of structural interpretation issues that had nothing to do with the need for the definitions. The term is used more than 100 times in the IRC and there needs to be a means to distinguish between the terms “deck” and “balcony”, both of which are regulated. There is an entire section of the code applicable to decks – R507. This definition is necessary to create uniformity in code interpretations and to prevent unnecessary regulations from being imposed.

It is reasonable to define commonly used terms so that the rule can be understood by the public and uniformly enforced.

### **Proposed Code Change – Cost/Benefit Analysis**

This proposal will have no impact on the cost of construction.

## Other Factors to Consider Related to Proposed Code Change

1. Is this proposed code change meant to:

☐ change language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(s).

☐ change language contained in an existing amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, list Rule part(s).

☐ delete language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(s).

☐ delete language contained in an existing amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, list Rule part(s).

☒ neither; this language will be new language, not found in the code book or in Minnesota Rule.

2. Is this proposed code change required by a Minnesota Statute or new legislation? If so, please provide the citation to the Statute or legislation.

No

3. Will this proposed code change impact other sections of a published code book or of an amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, please list the affected sections or rule parts.

No

4. Will this proposed code change impact other parts of the Minnesota State Building Code? If so, please list the affected parts of the Minnesota State Building Code.

No

5. Who are the parties affected or segments of industry affected by this proposed code change?

Code officials, building designers, contractors, building owners

6. Can you think of other means or methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed code change? If so, please explain what they are and why your proposed change is the preferred method or means to achieve the desired result.

No

7. Are you aware of any federal requirement or regulation related to this proposed code change? If so, please list the regulation or requirement.

No